

Proclamation
Presented
**In Recognition of
Brain Injury Awareness Month**

WHEREAS, brain injury is a serious, national public health epidemic affecting approximately 5.3 million Americans; and

WHEREAS, Brain Injury Awareness Month reminds us that approximately 50,000 Americans die each year and that approximately 80,000 Americans experience the onset of life-long disabilities as a result of sustaining a brain injury; and

WHEREAS, brain injury can affect every aspects of an individual's life and that, while the majority of people who suffer from mild or moderate brain injury can recover fully, the effects of a serious brain injury can be lasting; and

WHEREAS, The Brain Injury Association of Hawai'i is dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons suffering from the effects of a brain injury; and is committed to raising public awareness by providing education, information, resources and support for individuals who have sustained a brain injury; and to promote the prevention of brain injuries in our communities; and


NOW, THEREFORE, I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor for the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March, 2013, as

"BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing The Brain Injury Association of Hawai'i and their work to alleviate the suffering of those with sustained brain injuries and to prevent brain injuries from occurring.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth of March, 2013.


NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i


SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i